



## *Report to the Auburn City Council*

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Agenda Item No.

City Manager Approval

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
**From:** Councilman Kevin Hanley  
**Date:** June 27, 2011  
**Subject:** Defensible Space Day in Auburn

### *The Issue*

Shall the City of Auburn declare July 9, 2011 as "Defensible Space Day in Auburn?"

### *Conclusion and Recommendation*

By MOTION declare July 9, 2011 as "Defensible Space Day in Auburn."

### *Background*

The purpose of this action is to remind Auburn residents of the importance of clearing dry wood or tree limbs away from their homes or businesses and thereby providing defensible space. When residents take this action our firefighters can go on the offensive and save lives, homes and other property. Taking this action can also help homeowners maintain adequate fire insurance coverage rather than be forced to rely on minimum coverage offered through a state program.

The guide to providing "defensible space" is called the "Homeowners Checklist" and is available in brochure form from the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council or from the websites of the State Fire Safe Council and CalFIRE.

Declaring July 9, 2011 "Defensible Space Day in Auburn" coincides with the Project Canyon Safe 11 Volunteer Work Day at the Overlook.

As seen in the 2009 49 Fire, a catastrophic wildland fire can be devastating in both financial and non-financial terms to residents, businesses, firefighters and local government budgets. Lives can be saved, injuries avoided, and costs can be lowered when residents, business owners and local, the state and federal government provide sufficient defensible space around structures.

### *Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives*

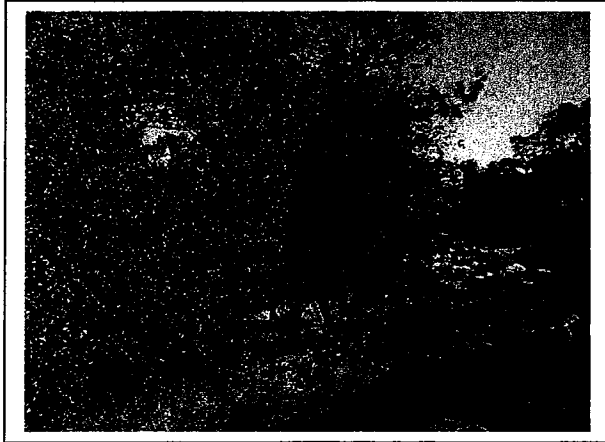
1. Do not proceed with staff recommendation

### *Fiscal Impact*

None

Attachment A: Project Canyon Safe 2011 flyer

# Project Canyon Safe



Fire Hazard



A completed Shaded Fuel Break

## Volunteer Work Party

Saturday, July 9, 2011

7:30 a.m. to noon

At the Overlook off Pacific Street  
BBQ Lunch provided by Recology!

**Help us to reduce fire hazard in our community.** Join us to help protect the lives of our firefighters and residents. We will work in small work teams to carry cut branches and help lower the fire danger in Auburn. We will be clearing the area below the overlook. This wood-clearing project will help support the Western States Run and Tevis Cup Ride trails. Dress in long pants, a long shirt, and wear sturdy shoes or boots. Bring garden gloves. Make a difference!

**Donate to Reduce the Fire Hazard in your Canyon neighborhood!**

*Send your tax-deductible donation to the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, 601 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603. Make your check out to "Project Canyon Safe."*

**Sign Up:** Call Kevin Hanley (530-906-1042) or email [gaafscouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:gaafscouncil@hotmail.com) (Register by July 1)

**Parking:** Available at the overlook.

**BBQ Lunch:** for all volunteers provided by Recology.



## Help Reduce Fire Hazard!